

H.R. 3723. An act to authorize funds for the payment of salaries and expenses of the Patent and Trademark Office, and for other purposes.

H.R. 4151. An act to amend chapter 47 of title 18, United States Code, relating to identity fraud, and for other purposes.

H.R. 4259. An act to allow Haskell Indian Nations University and the Southwestern Indian Polytechnic Institute each to conduct a demonstration project to test the feasibility and desirability of new personnel management policies and procedures, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that the Senate had passed with an amendment in which the concurrence of the House is requested, a bill of the House of the following title:

H.R. 4660. An act to amend the State Department Basic Authorities Act of 1956 to provide rewards for information leading to the arrest or conviction of any individual for the commission of an act, or conspiracy to act, of international terrorism, narcotics related offenses, or for serious violations of international humanitarian law relating to the Former Yugoslavia, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that the Senate had passed a bill of the following title in which concurrence of the House is requested:

S. 2253. An act to establish a matching grant program to help State and local jurisdictions purchase bullet resistant equipment for use by law enforcement departments.

The message also announced that the Senate agrees to the amendments of the House to the bill (S. 2375) "An Act to amend the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act of 1977, to strengthen prohibitions on international bribery and other corrupt practices, and for other purposes," with amendments.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will entertain 15 one-minute addresses from each side.

CONGRATULATING SAN DIEGO PADRES ON WINNING NATIONAL LEAGUE PENNANT

(Mr. BILBRAY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. BILBRAY. Mr. Speaker, it is with great political risk that I speak here today. With the Speaker and the head of the NRCC coming from Georgia, I would like to rise today to congratulate the San Diego Padres for winning the National League championship in Atlanta. I would like to congratulate the Padres owner John Morris, president Larry Lucchino, manager Bruce Bochy and the entire team from the San Diego Padres. I would also like to congratulate the Padre fans. When you look to San Diego you usually think of beaches, beautiful zoos, bays and also Qualcomm Stadium.

Mr. Speaker, my constituents celebrated last night in the 49th District

and sadly I was not there to join them. But today I would like to point out that their celebration is something that we can all join in. In light of the fact that Congress will be out, though, Mr. Speaker, when the Padres win the World Series, I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate them on their pending victories.

Go Padres.

PRESCRIPTION DRUG FAIRNESS FOR SENIORS

(Mr. JOHNSON of Wisconsin asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. JOHNSON of Wisconsin. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to speak about some of the work of Congress, armed with concern and new evidence that senior citizens in America and in northeast Wisconsin from my survey are paying a lot more for needed prescription drugs, on average 85 percent more, than the favored customers of the drug companies.

I have just compiled the results of a new survey of pharmacies across my district in northeast Wisconsin. We asked the price that seniors and other individuals pay for their prescriptions, then compared that price to what the drug companies charge their volume buyers. We found that senior citizens are paying nearly two times as much, 85 percent more, than the big buyers and the insurance companies. It is outrageous. Seniors rely on their prescription medications, and seniors are most likely to be on a fixed income. Most importantly, Medicare the main source of health coverage for seniors, does not cover the cost of most prescription drugs, leaving seniors to pay for their prescriptions out of their own pockets. My study shows that drug companies are making huge profits on the backs of seniors.

I will be fighting, therefore, for new legislation, the Prescription Drug Fairness for Seniors Act, put forward by the gentleman from Maine (Mr. ALLEN) guaranteeing older Americans the same prices for their prescription drugs that the Federal Government gets from drug companies.

EXAMPLE IS THE BEST PRECEPT

(Mr. PITTS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. PITTS. Mr. Speaker, some have argued that private conduct does not matter. But as leaders we must set the example, guiding our Nation by our actions. Example is the best precept.

Aesop, the learned storyteller, writes the following fable:

One fine day two crabs came out of their home to take a stroll on the sand. "Child," said the mother, "you're walking very ungracefully. You should learn to walk straight forward without twisting from side to side."

"Mother," said the young one, "set the example yourself, and I will follow you."

Example is the best precept.

President Franklin Roosevelt said the following: "The presidency is not merely an administrative office. That's the least of it. It is preeminently a place of moral leadership."

Mr. Speaker, it is time for our leaders to lead, not just fiscally, not just politically but morally.

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SCHOOL MODERNIZATION INITIATIVE STILL NEEDED IN BUDGET DEAL

(Mr. PALLONE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, we are still likely to be here a few more days as we hammer out this budget agreement, but I want to say that I am very proud of the Democrats who have stuck it out and demanded that this budget agreement address education initiatives. It appears, and I say it appears because we do not know for sure, but it seems like the Republicans finally have agreed to our proposal for 100,000 teachers that are going to be hired across the country with Federal dollars. I just want to say it is only because Democrats have kept insisting that this education initiative be in the budget that we may finally realize that hope of having those 100,000 extra teachers spread around the country to reduce class size.

But we still do not have the modernization initiative. The Republicans should agree to this as well. This is the initiative that says that we will spend Federal dollars to try to improve schools around the country, to renovate schools, to put in new roofs, to also upgrade, if you will, schools for technology, for computers and other things of that nature. I think it is very important that we continue to stay here until that initiative is also included in this budget.

I know the Republicans do not want to hear it. They keep saying that this is unnecessary, but it is important.

HALLOWEEN MESSAGE TO LIBERALS

(Mr. GIBBONS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. GIBBONS. Mr. Speaker, Halloween is right around the corner, conjuring up all kinds of scary stories. Soon I will gather my children around me and tell them just what they might expect from Congress.

Now, I am not talking about candy, trinkets or toys. What I am talking about is bringing home a commitment to a balanced Federal budget, real education reform, meaningful tax cuts, a strong military force and a real commitment to saving Social Security.

There is one problem. My liberal colleagues on the other side of the aisle would rather have me tell them the